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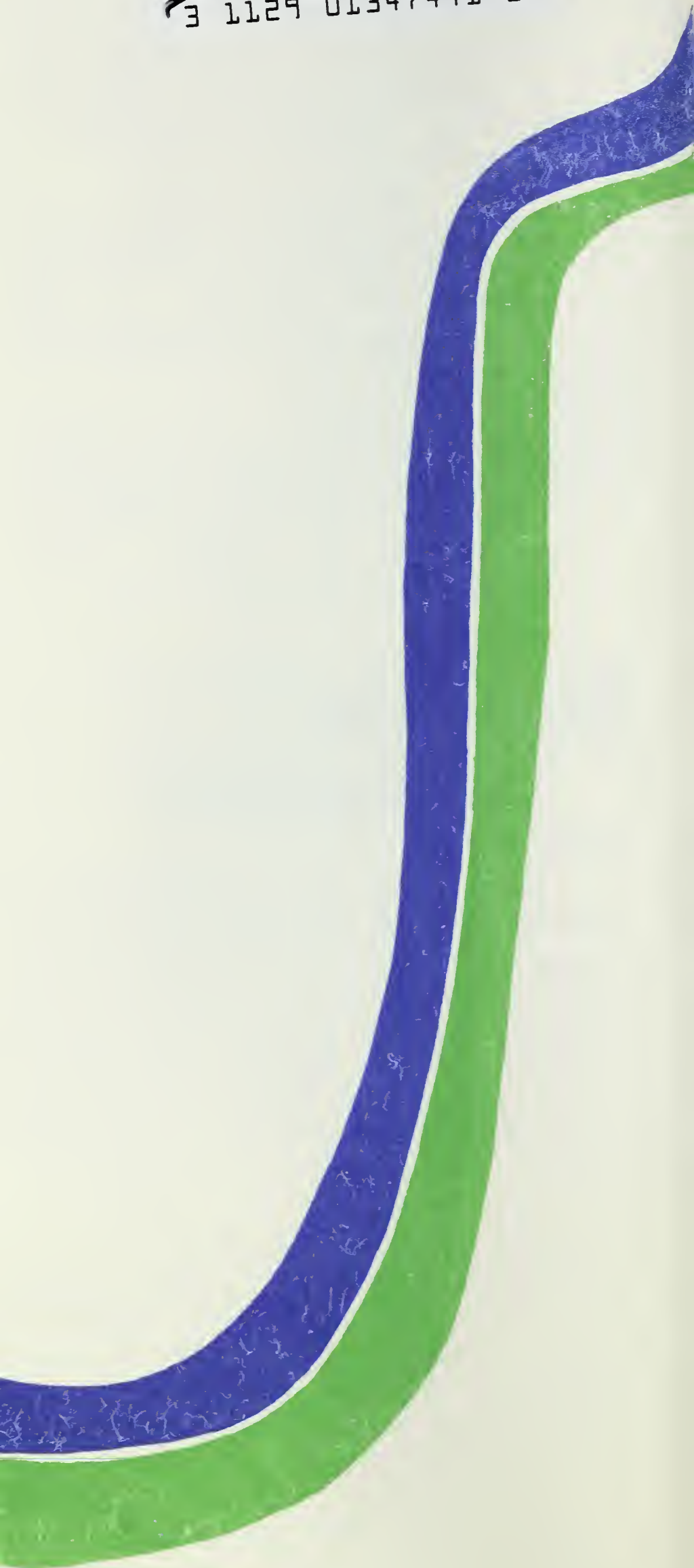


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Books, magazines, records, cassettes, films, art prints, sculpture — you name it. Today's libraries have it. The Illinois State Library is in the business of being a 'today' library and, as such, is concerned with the provision of excellent library service to all Illinois citizens, according to their individual needs.

Established in 1842 and continuing as a division within the Office of the Secretary of State, the State Library is directed by law \*to maintain a reference and research library for all state agencies \*to promote and develop library services statewide \*to administer state and federal funds for library purposes \*to plan and support education and training programs for library personnel \*to encourage and support library research \*to collect, preserve and publish library statistics. These responsibilities are implemented with the guidance of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee and the support of a competent and highly qualified staff.

As a research and reference library for state government, the Illinois State Library's main function is to offer library service to all state officials, offices, the General Assembly, the Judiciary, and all state agencies and commissions. The services we offer to state government are described in this brochure. The Illinois State Library Network and the State Library's responsibility for library development, as explained in this brochure, meets our other main legal obligation of promoting and developing statewide library services.

The Illinois State Library provides leadership in assuring relevant library services for all the people of Illinois — services that will give Illinois citizens the information they need to live a better life. As a 'today' library meeting tomorrow's challenges, we could do nothing else.

*Michael J. Howlett*

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# Government Services

## Borrowing Privileges

State legislators, elected state officials and all government employees are eligible to borrow work related materials directly from the Illinois State Library. Illinois residents have access to the Illinois State Library collection through the Illinois Library Network Interlibrary Loan System.

- \*To obtain a library card, eligible borrowers must come in person to or phone the Illinois State Library Circulation Desk and request an application form. Applicants must establish proof of state employment.

\*Books are loaned for a period of one month. Periodicals do not circulate, but single copies of periodical articles will be made free to patrons upon request.

## Collections

The Illinois State Library collection, numbering 1,769,966 volumes, is strong in the political and social sciences, with emphasis on resources related to government interests, problems, and operations. The collection includes:

- \*652,777 Books
- \* 53,594 Out-of-State Documents
- \*829,053 Federal Documents
- \* 74,740 Illinois Documents
- \* 5,563 Serials and periodicals
- \*154,239 Microforms
- \* 14,200 Films, records, cassettes and art prints, slides and filmstrips

## Reference and Research Services

The reference staff of the Illinois State Library Public Services Department will provide upon request:

\*Intensive and confidential work related reference and research service to elected officials, legislators, to staff of the legislative service agencies, and to legislative commission staff and members, in person, by telephone, or by mail.

\*General or in-depth work related reference and research service to state officials, state employees, the Judiciary, and state agencies, and commissions.

\*General reference service in response to questions sent to the Illinois State Library as a Research and Reference Center of the Illinois Library Network.

# Statewide Development

## General

One of the Illinois State Library's functions is to promote and develop library services statewide. The Library Development Group, a division of the Illinois State Library, develops programs and policies which have value for all Illinois libraries and which improve existing library services, or provide new services where none existed before.

## Library Development Services

The Illinois State Library Development Group provides consultant services to library systems, administers state and federal grants-in-aid programs, fosters co-operation among multi-types of libraries, promotes library service to the unserved, and acts as liaison between local library agencies and the state and federal government. Special consultants are responsible for:

- \*Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- \*Institutional Library Services
- \*Public Library Development
- \*Service to the Unserved
- \*Library Cooperation
- \*Professional Development
- \*Manpower Utilization
- \*Statistics and Research
- \*Planning and Evaluation

## **Library Development Projects**

With the intent of providing superior library service to Illinois citizens, special projects are state and federally funded, administered and monitored by the Library Development staff.

Some of these projects are:

- \*Illinois Library Materials Processing Center — federally funded, this Center handles centralized ordering, cataloging and processing of books for libraries throughout the state.
- \*Library Scholarship and Fellowship Programs
- \*Library Programs in Correctional facilities.
- \*Library Research Center, University of Illinois
- \*Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- \*Project Plus — promoting larger units of library service
- \*Library Materials Enrichment Resources — grants to increase and broaden local library collections
- \*Continuing Education for Trustees and Librarians
- \*Service to the Unserved — including special projects answering the needs of ethnic, racial and minority and geographically isolated groups

# The Illinois Library Network

. . . provides the residents of Illinois access to library resources of the State through a network of local public, academic, and special libraries, eighteen regional library systems, and four Research and Reference Centers.



Public, academic, and special libraries. . .

536 public libraries and an increasing number of academic and special libraries have joined the Illinois Network in a cooperative effort to



broaden and improve service to their users. School libraries will soon be invited to join the network.

### ★ Regional Library Systems. . .

Eighteen regional libraries serve voluntarily associated public libraries and affiliated special and academic libraries throughout the state and offer a collection and staff which supplement the resources and services in all the member libraries.

### ■ Research and Reference Centers. . .

Four of Illinois' major libraries – The Illinois State Library, Chicago Public Library, University of Illinois Library, and Southern Illinois University – are designated as Research and Reference Centers and respond to reference and interlibrary loan requests which cannot be handled at the System level. The John Crerar Library serves as a Special Subject Resource Center for reference and interlibrary loan requests pertaining to science and technology.



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